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SUBJECT: SHOSEI MARU CREWMEN RETURNING TO JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 13276

1. NORTHEAST ASIA DIVDIR ENDO TOLD US JAPANESE
RED CROSS RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM NORTH KOREAN
COUNTERPARTS OCTOBER 31 REPORTING THAT TWO "SHOSEI
MARU" CREWMEN REMAINING IN DPRK FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT HAD
LEFT PYONGYANG OCTOBER 30 EN ROUTE HOME. CREWMEN
SUPPOSED TO TRAVEL FROM WONSAN TO NIIGATA, BUT JAPANESE
HAVE HAD NO WORD ON TIMING. CAPTAIN OF SHIP AND
RELATIVES OF CREWMEN NOW WAITING IN NIIGATA HOTEL.

2. ONCE CREW MEMBERS SAFELY IN JAPAN, ENDO SUSPECTS
THAT CAPTAIN OF SHOESSEI MARU WILL CONTRADICT ASSERTIONS
HE MADE IN PYONGYANG THAT FISHING VESSEL HAD VIOLATED DPRK
TERRITORIAL WATERS. ENDO HAS HEARD FROM MARITIME
AUTHORITIES THAT CAPTAIN HAS FORTY-PAGE STATEMENT IN HIS
POCKET THAT WILL PROVIDE DETAILS OF INCIDENT.

3. IF, AS ENDO SUSPECTS, STATEMENT REVEALS THAT SHOSEI
MARU NOT IN DPRK TERRITORIAL WATERS WHEN ATTACKED BY NORTH
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KOREAN GUNBOAT, THAT SHOSEI MARU TOOK NO EVASIVE ACTION,

AND THAT NORTH KOREANS FIRED NO WARNING SHOTS, THEN
GOJ PREPARED TO ISSUE PROTEST.
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